IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S.SIRI JAGAN

TUESDAY, THE 12TH JUNE 2007 / 22ND JYAISHTA 1929

WP(C).No. 16962 of 2007(T)

PETITIONER:

LATHA, AGED 36 YEARS, D/O.GOPALAN &
W/O.P.VALSALAN, KUTTEYRI HOUSE, ERUMANGALAM,
VELIYANCODE, MALAPPURAM DISTRICT, NOW RESIDING
AT PAKKATT HOUSE, EZHUVATHIRUTHI MALAPPURAM DIST,
(REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE KL-10-L 6130).

BY ADV. SRI.SHOBY K.FRANCIS

RESPONDENTS:

1. DISTRICT COLLECTOR, MALAPPURAM.

2. TAHSILDAR, PONNANI, MALAPPURAM DISTRICT.

3. SUB INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
PONNANI, MALAPPURAM DISTRICT.

BY G.P. SHRI.I.V.PRAMOD.

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 12/06/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

S.SIRI JAGAN, J.

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W.P.(C).No.16962 of 2007

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Dated this the 12th day of June, 2007

J U D G M E N T

Petitioner's vehicle bearing registration No.KL-10-L-6130 has been seized on allegation of transportation of river sand illegally. Petitioner submits that pending passing of final orders, the petitioner may be given interim custody of the vehicle.

2. I have heard the learned counsel for the petitioner as also the learned Government Pleader.

3. In the facts and circumstances of the case, this writ petition is disposed of with the following directions:

The 1st respondent is directed to pass final orders in the matter as expeditiously as possible. Pending passing of final orders, the vehicle of the petitioner shall be released to him on his depositing Rs.25,000/- and producing proof of

ownership of the vehicle. This is subject to the further condition that the petitioner shall not alienate or otherwise part with possession of the vehicle till final orders are passed by the 1st respondent. Petitioner's vehicle shall be released immediately on complying with the above directions.

Writ petition is disposed of as above.

Sd/-

sdk+ S.SIRI JAGAN, JUDGE

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P.A. to Judge.